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In Re Patent Application of: )  
H. Tanaka et al. )  
For: SHOCK ABSORBING )  
LANYARDS )  
Serial No.: 10/790,394 )  
Filed: March 1, 2004 )  
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Applicant(s): H. Tanaka et al.

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Invention: **SHOCK ABSORBING LANYARDS****RECEIVED  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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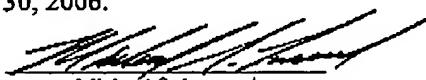
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 28, 2006.

The Office Action entered a restriction requirement between the following patentably distinct inventions.

Invention I, Claims 1-15, drawn to a lanyard.

Invention II, Claims 16-22, drawn to a method of making a lanyard.

In response, Applicants elect Invention I, Claims 1-15.

The Office Action also required an election of patentably distinct species of Fig. 3, Fig. 4, and Fig. 5. Applicants elect the specie of Fig. 3. The Office Action states that claim 1 is generic. At least claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 13 of Invention I are readable on the specie of Fig. 3.

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Applicants believe this Response is timely submitted. However, if necessary, please consider this a petition for time extension and authorization to charge deposit account no. 50-3189 for the petition fee and any other fee that is due.

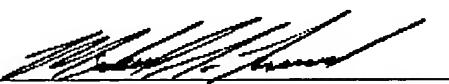
Applicants submit the claims are in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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